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IMPERIAL ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

OPENING SESSION HELD.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, October 2.

The Imperial Economic Conference opened at the Cabinet offices in Whitehall and adjourned till Thursday after a two-hour sitting. Sir P. Lloyd-Greame in his opening speech briefly reviewed the economic situation and the tasks of the conference. Mr. Mackenzie King, Mr. Massey, General Smuts, and Messrs McGrath, Warren, Innes and Ormsby Gore made speeches in reply.

DEVELOPING EMPIRE TRADE.

Dealing with imperial preference in his speech at the opening of the economic conference Sir Phillip Lloyd Greame said that any increase of the dominions were able to make in the rate of preference would be of real value. Britain had already established the principle in her own more limited, fiscal system and would certainly approach the question with a strong desire to increase mutual trade. She was ready and willing to take what action was possible to secure that end. Sir Phillip Greame dwelt on the urgency of Britain developing new markets overseas. The conference, he said, must work out a scheme for credit facilities and financial cooperation with a view to accelerating the development of the Empire at the time of our greatest need. He concluded by suggesting the establishment of an advisory body to discuss matters arising out of the decisions of the conference and action to give effect thereto.

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FOURTH GYMKHANA. COURSE IN BETTER ORDER.

PROSPECTS FOR SATURDAY.

[By Argus]

The fine weather of the last few days has allowed the race-course to dry up considerably and with little prospect of rain, the fourth gymkhana on Saturday and Monday should prove a success. The entries are well up to the average and, though some of the ponies will be backward, others appear to be comparatively fit considering that no work has been allowed on the outside track since the last heavy rains. If all goes well, however, the grass course will be open to-morrow and owners will have an opportunity to ask their charges the vital question. Seven events are on the card each day.

On Saturday, the meeting opens with the Wokingham Stakes (5 furlongs) for which there are fifteen entries. Bluebottle, at first glance, appears to have the race at his mercy on his second to Roman Pride last meeting. Danger may come from Fern Leaf and Gold Bill. The Reading Handicap, A. Class (6 furlongs) has sixteen nominations. Roman Pride is top weight 170 lbs. Roman Sparrow and Bluebottle each 153 lbs., Gold Bill 155 lbs., Fern Leaf 152 lbs., Diadem Dahlia 160 lbs. and In Spite Of 144 lbs. among the other likely ones. As Roman Pride is pretty certain to be kept for the Gymkhana Stakes, I expect Diadem Dahlia and In Spite Of to furnish the winner. Roman Sparrow, I am told, is far from fit, but his wonderful turn of speed must not be forgotten.

The Gymkhana Stakes comes next on the card and has attracted 18 entries. Probably the following will go to the post: Petrol King (Mr. Potts), Starland (Mr. Seth), Yellow River (Mr. Zellensky), Orient Dahlia (Major White), Country Mouse (Mr. Matcham), Roman Pride (Mr. Gibson), Maine (Mr. Harriman), Fern Leaf or Clover Leaf (Mr. Soares). As Orient Dahlia does not appear to be fit, not having fully recovered after a rough passage from Shanghai, Diadem Dahlia may carry Major White. However, Roman Pride should win, with Starland and Sir Paul's selected filling the places.

The fourth race is the Beef Stakes, which has attracted ten. The impost is catchweights 168 lbs. The distance is 5 furlongs and I expect to see Hope Dahlia win despite the weight.

Weights have been allotted to 14 ponies in the Reading Handicap, B. Class (6 furlongs). The topweight Silver Bill (late Austral Boy) has been given the steadier of 165 lbs., but I fancy his chance with Knock-out Leg (152 lbs) the next best. Silver (155 lbs) moves well and may create a surprise if started. The penultimate event, the Theale Plate over the mile course, has attracted 8. Here is where Silver

BOGUS NOTES? POLICE RAID SEQUEL.

Charges of possession of forged Siamese notes of various denominations, forged Chinese banknotes, paper believed to be used for the manufacture of banknotes also dyes and machinery for making banknotes were preferred against a Chinese in Mr. Wood's court this morning. A woman who lived in another cubicle in the same house, No. 106, Portland Street, was also charged with possession of seven hundred and fifty 5-tical notes.

It was stated that the premises were raided by Detective Inspector T. Murphy and the bogus notes discovered together with the plant. In view of the seriousness of the charges, His Worship fixed bail in the sum of \$20,000 for the man and \$10,000 for the woman. The case was remanded.

THE CATHEDRAL.

ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN.

On the recommendation of the Bishop's Commissaries in England the church body has appointed the Rev. Thomas Bertram Powell, M.A., of Pembroke College, Oxford, at present curate of Mixborough in the diocese of Sheffield, to be assistant chaplain at the Cathedral. Leaving Oxford at the beginning of the war, Mr. Powell served in the ranks. He was ordained Deacon in 1920, and comes to us very highly recommended. We hope our readers will pray for him that he may be used of God to do much good work amongst us. He is probably leaving England in November.

This means either that the staff of the Cathedral clergy is being added to or that the present Assistant Chaplain who is also Acting Registrar to the Hongkong University, is leaving.

should shine as the opposition is decidedly weak, the race being confined to the ponies purchased in Shanghai in May last. Sharpshooter and Finvoy may follow Silver home. The Beckhampton Handicap (1 1/4 miles) concludes the first day's programme. Twenty entries have been received. Drake (late Henry VIII) with 159 (lbs.) looks attractive provided he has an experienced pilot, but I prefer the chances of Silver Bill (late Austral Boy) 153 (lbs) and Yellow River (162 lbs) in the probable absence of the topweight Roman Pride (170 lbs).

The programme on Monday opens with the Andover Hurdle Race, distance about 9 furlongs, catchweights 155 lbs. Some of the possible starters were being schooled this morning when Typhoon King (late Billings Dragoon) fell over the rails into the ditch with Mr. Potts. Fortunately neither was hurt. The selection for this race will be given in my next.

NEW YORK TO LONDON.

TWO-DAY MAIL SERVICE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ST. LOUIS, October 2.

When completed the airmail Z.R. 3 will operate a two-day mail service from New York to London, according to a statement by Rear-Admiral Moffett, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics of the United States Navy.

CLAN LINER'S MISHAP.

WEATHER HAMPERS SALVAGE WORK.

PORT ST. MARY, October 2.

Owing to the strong wind and to the vessel stranding, it has been thought advisable to leave the "Clan MacMaster" until the weather moderates. The vessel has listed to port and it has been necessary to take all hands off.

DUESSELDORF DISTURBANCE.

SECURITY POLICE DISBANDED.

DUESSELDORF, October 2.

The occupation authorities have ordered the dissolution of the German security police at Duesseldorf in consequence of Sunday's incidents.

ASSASSINATED BY FANATIC.

INDIAN OFFICER'S FATE.

SIMLA, October 2.

Captain Baker Jones, of the Indian Medical Service, was assassinated near Loralai by a Waziri fanatic.

WIFE SUES HUSBAND.

WOMAN'S TALE OF WOE.

Mok Lum-ming, a Chinese who is also known as Felix Mok, was summoned by his first wife, who is also Chinese, for maintenance, the case being heard by Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

Replying to His Worship in English, defendant said he gave his wife an allowance every month; the last payment was \$15 which was handed over on Aug. 7. He explained that he was not living with her and she had only been in the Colony for about one month.

Answering a further question defendant said that on September 26 he and his wife had been to the S. C. A. and it was decided that his wife was to return to the country to live with his father while he was to give her \$10 a month as upkeep. As regards his three sons who were in Court, he was providing them with Chinese education. His Worship informed the woman that as her husband was only earning about \$40 a month by running a night-school, he would make an order for \$10 a month but if she found out that he was earning more later on she could apply again.

The woman seemed dissatisfied with the decision and continued talking when she was taken out of the court by her eldest son, a boy fifteen years of age.

In the court precincts, crowd of women gathered to hear the woman's tale of woe. Before her husband went to Germany to study commerce some years ago, she had anticipated a second marriage and had therefore made him vow that he would not divert his fidelity elsewhere. However she had hinted that if he returned laden with wealth he could take unto himself a Chinese concubine if he wished. She was now in financial difficulties. Her eldest boy was working as an apprentice and the second as a servant-boy to augment the family's income. The woman also stated that her husband married a German lady whilst in Germany.

A Chinese woman jumped overboard from the Yau-mai ferry-launch "Chi On Yat" yesterday and was drowned.

Dr. W. W. Pearce, the Medical Officer of Health, appeared to prosecute a Chinese before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this morning for failing to notify a case of small-pox as required by the bye-laws. As defendant was in a position to call a neighbour to testify that he was absent at the time, His Worship adjourned the case till 10 to allow Dr. Pearce to take out a fresh summons or proceed as he saw fit.



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NOTICE.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 5th day of October, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 27th September to 5th October, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order,

M. MANUK,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 19th September, 1923.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 6th, and MONDAY, 8th October 1923 commencing 3.15 p.m. each day.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Solihore and Sultans in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badge to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the members' enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5. each up to FRIDAY October 5th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, September 24, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that ENTRIES for the FOURTH GYMKHANA to be held on the 6th and 8th October, 1923, close on SATURDAY next, the 22nd inst.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1923.

HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion at 5.30 p.m. on TUESDAY, 9th October, by kind permission of the Hongkong Cricket Club. All those desirous of joining the Club are invited to attend.

L. R. BLACKING,

Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

Hongkong, October 1, 1923.

CURRIMBOY & CO., LTD.

THIS is to notify that during the absence of Mr. JOOSAB HASSUM from the Colony, Mr. MOOSABHOY DHUNJI will act as Manager of the above firm in Hongkong and is authorised to sign per procuration for us.

CURRIMBOY & CO., LTD.,

J. HASSUM,

Manager.

Hongkong, October 1, 1923.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER.

HONGKONG RELIEF FUND.

NOTICE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS LISTS for the above Fund are open at the following places:

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China.
Mercantile Bank of India.
International Banking Corporation.
Netherlands Trading Society.
Yokohama Specie Bank.
Hongkong Club.

Cheques should be made out to the Order of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund.

By Order,

D. K. BLAIR,

Secretary.

HONGKONG RELIEF COMMITTEE.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1923.

HOME FOR THE BLIND, KOWLOON.

A Collection of beautiful hand knitted articles will be on Sale at the Helena May Institute on FRIDAY, the 5th October, from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 15th day of OCTOBER, 1923, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:

That the Conditional Agreement submitted to the Meeting for the Amalgamation with this Company of The Shanghai Hotels, Limited, upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by this Company of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of The Shanghai Hotels, Limited, in return for the issue to members of that Company (other than this Company) of Two shares of this Company of the nominal value of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) each credited as fully paid up for each and every complete share held by such members respectively in that Company be and they are hereby authorised to carry the Agreement into effect with such (if any) modifications either before or after the execution thereof as they may think fit.

N.B.—A copy of the said Conditional Agreement may be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company, Powell's Building, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, and also at the office of Messrs. Dawson, Harston & Skenton, No. 1, Des Vaux Road Central aforesaid, the Solicitors to the Company.

Dated this 24th day of September, 1923.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.

WALTER J. HAWKER,

Secretary.

THE SHANGHAI HOTELS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 15th day of OCTOBER, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:

1.—That it is expedient to effect an amalgamation of this Company with The Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, whose Registered Office is situated at Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong and with a view thereto that this Company be wound up voluntarily and that Walter John Hawker, of Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up with full power to delegate all or any of his duties as he in his absolute discretion may think fit for the purpose of appointing a person or Corporation in Shanghai in the Republic of China to act in conjunction with him and under his control and as his Agent for the purpose of carrying out such liquidation.

2.—That the Conditional Agreement submitted to the Meeting for the Amalgamation of this Company with The Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by The Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of this Company in return for the issue to members of this Company (other than The Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited) of Two shares of The Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, of the nominal value of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) each credited as fully paid up in respect of each and every complete share held by such members of this Company respectively, be and he is hereby authorised, pursuant to Section One hundred and eighty-five of the Companies Ordinance, One thousand nine hundred and eleven, to adopt the said Agreement and carry the same into effect with such (if any) modifications either before or after the execution thereof as the said Liquidator may think expedient.

N.B.—A copy of the said Conditional Agreement may be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company, Powell's Building, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, and also at the office of Messrs. Dawson, Harston & Skenton, No. 1, Des Vaux Road Central aforesaid, the Solicitors to this Company and also at the Shanghai Office of the Company, No. 14, Kitauing Road, Shanghai.

3.—That the aforesaid shares of The Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, shall be allotted to such aforesaid members who are on the Register of Shareholders of this Company on the date of the confirmation by this Company of the Special Resolution confirming the said Conditional Agreement.

N.B.—The shares of The Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, to be allotted under the said Conditional Agreement to such aforesaid members of this Company will participate in all dividends declared by The Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, in respect of the financial year ending 31st December, 1923, *pari passu* with the existing issued shares ("Old") of The Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited.

4.—That the Liquidator be and he is hereby authorised to give such consent as may be necessary to the name of The Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, being changed to "The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited."

SHOULD THE ABOVE RESOLUTIONS be passed by the requisite majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street aforesaid, on WEDNESDAY, the 31st day of OCTOBER, 1923, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming such Resolutions as Special Resolutions accordingly.

NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that Registered Shareholders of this Company may attend the above mentioned Meetings and vote thereat in person or by Proxy provided that all Proxies and the Powers of Attorney (if any) under which the same are signed are deposited duly stamped at the Head Office of the Company (namely, the Registered Office of the Company at Powell's Building, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, aforesaid) not less than Twenty-four hours before the time fixed for holding the said Meetings.

Any Proxies or Powers of Attorney not deposited in accordance with the above provisions will not be available for use at the said Meetings.

Dated this 24th day of September, 1923.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD.

WALTER J. HAWKER,

Secretary.

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Hongkong, 28th September, 1923.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

"Julius Caesar" will be the first play to be performed at the Vienna State Theatre.

The enthronement of Dr. W. W. Bishop of Truro, as Bishop of Chelmsford has been provisionally fixed for October 11.

The Ontario Government will send several thousand cases of peaches as an experimental shipment to Britain next month.

The Cheka (Soviet Secret Tribunal) has crushed the anti-Soviet organisation which has recently been active in the Ukraine, South Russia.

Mahomed Ali, the notorious leader of the Khilafat movement in India, who has been serving imprisonment on political charges, will be released at Bijnapur.

For the twelve months ended July last, Canada's trade within the Empire increased by 141,000,000 dollars (\$23,200,000), compared with the preceding 12 months.

Admiral Sir John de Robeck, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, who was injured in a motor accident near Lunark, was reported to be improving.

An unknown young man was killed on the Metropolitan Railway near Preston-road Station, Middlesex. A coat, neatly folded, and a hat and stick, were found on the bank.

Some English bank clerks in Vienna have revived the Vienna Cricket and Football Club, which fell into decay in 1910, and have laid out a large sports ground in the Prater Park.

Only after a four hours' struggle did soldiers and Fascisti succeed in saving millions of bank notes from being destroyed by a fire which gutted the printing works of the Bank of Naples.

Telephones now in use in the London area number 387,700, according to figures exhibited daily outside the offices of the London Telephone Service in Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

St. Bartholomew's Day was celebrated at Sandwich, Kent, by the custom, dating back to 1150, of presenting a currant bun to every child who ran round the local St. Bartholomew's Church.

Owing to an outbreak of what is believed to be foot-and-mouth disease among swine, the Rotherham, Yorkshire, cattle market has been closed, and transport of livestock within 5 miles of the town forbidden.

Signor de Cesaro, the Italian Minister of Posts and Telegraphs, has resigned as a result of differences of opinion with the Cabinet on the question of the return of Government monopolies to private hands.

At a Northampton inquest on Mrs. Mabel Olive Rhodes, a verdict of Manslaughter was returned against Stanley Crawley, who denied that he struck the woman a heavy blow while they were playing.

Lieut.-General Sir George Barrow, succeeding General Sir Havelock Hudson in the Eastern Command in India, and Lieut.-General Sir John Shea, who holds the Western Command, will become Adjutant-General.

An open verdict was returned at the inquest at Chiswick on the skeletons of two adults found during excavations for a building, there being no evidence to show how the bones got into the place in which they were found.

Summoned at Altrincham (Cheshire) for selling cigarettes and a bar of chocolate after hours, Alan Wadsworth, in whose favour a petition with 4,000 signatures was presented, was fined 10s., including costs, on each count.

John Shea, of Timperley, Cheshire, was sent to prison for a month at Knutsford for receiving £20 in doses through representing that he was not in receipt of sickness or disablement benefits while he was actually getting payments from the Workers' Union.

Medical evidence was given at an inquest at Westminster on James Harrison Smith, 25, that he died as the result of a wound received at Ypres in March 1918, and the coroner returned a verdict of Death from the effects of a Gunshot Wound received in warfare.

On being landed with his crew of four at Swansea by the Spanish steamer "Arilago," which rescued them, the captain of the motor vessel "Airston," found derelict in the English Channel, stated that he abandoned the boat as she shipped heavy seas and became unmanageable during a gale 10 miles off Portland.

It was stated that a charge against a husband at North London of stabbing his wife that the woman's life was saved through their son giving blood for transfusion.

William Ernest Munro, who escaped from the Hampshire Asylum, near Basingstoke, was found sheltering under a hedge from a storm, 12 miles from the institution.

In a maintenance case at Seaham Harbour it was stated that in six months Arthur Wallace, engine driver, of West Hartlepool, had sent his wife only a German 1,000-mark note.

Richard Jones, 45, a seaman, who was stated to be one of the survivors of the "Trevesa," who landed at Gravesend pleaded guilty at Clerkenwell to a charge of drunkenness and was discharged.

On returning from a holiday with her three young children to her home in Court-house-road, Maidenhead, Mrs. Albert Jolly found her husband dead in a locked house with his throat cut and his head in a gas oven.

A man summoned at Tottenham for non-payment of rates said he was an official of the Edmonton Board of Guardians and was paid not quite £2 a week, out of which he had to provide an office and a waiting-room.

Ko Ko Gzi, 20, a Burmese law student, who was accused of attempting to stab his 17-years-old English wife, pleaded guilty at London Sessions to a charge of assault and was discharged on his own recognisances.

Canadian cattle exporters in conference have decided to ask the Canadian Minister of Agriculture to request the British Government to postpone the cattle branding regulations and make them the subject of a discussion at the forthcoming Imperial Conference.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Captain Henrik Bull desires to
express his sincere thanks to all
friends for sympathy extended in
his sad bereavement, and especially
to the Sisters of the French Hospital
for their attendance during his
wife's illness.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3, 1923.

THE IMPERIAL
CONFERENCE.

Mr. Bernard Shaw has described
the British Empire as an accident,
and in reading the eulogical accounts
of the opening of the Imperial
Conference it is only possible to arrive
at the fact that it was a very agree-
able accident. The fact of the Con-
ference creates a mild excitement
and the imagination is agreeably
kindled, for it is good to note that
the members of it have not
assembled in any vainglorious and
braggart spirit, but in that spirit of
humility which the bearing of
weighty responsibility brings with
it. It is indeed a Family Council
in which the younger members of a
widely scattered family have joined
to take counsel one with the other
under the parental eye of the Mother
Country. These Conferences, at
one period held every four years, but
interrupted by the war, are now
resumed, and the present Con-
ference if it meets under the
happiest auspices, does so at a
time when the air is full of
pressing problems which affect
not merely Great Britain and
her dominions, but the world as
well. It is admitted that the Con-
ference is not likely to yield serious
decisions beyond the very valuable
work of framing a common policy
in regard to pending international
questions. Definite decisions will
probably emanate from the

Economic Conference. The open-
ing of the Conference as will be
seen was wholly taken up by the
British Premier's introductory
address. Mr. Baldwin has im-
pressed the members with the
 lucidity and comprehensiveness of
it, and thus an agreeable atmosphere
has been created at the commence-
ment. Very few if any, will
imagine, evil either at the im-
pression this created or the treatment
meted to the matters touched upon
by Mr. Baldwin. Conditions which
have brought us to the present stage
in European affairs have needed
patient and careful handling; and it
is this policy which has been
adopted by the Imperial Govern-
ment and which we believe has
resulted in a lessening of the tension
which at times seems almost to have
reached breaking-point. Naturally
the Conference at the outset
expressed its sorrow with Japan and
the words of the resolution in their
restraint and truth will find general
approval. The whole-hearted tri-
bute given to the work of the
League of Nations is well-merited.
Several members of the Conference
—notably General Smuts of South
Africa, and Mr. S. M. Bruce of
Australia are out and out supporters
of the League, and the one a
veteran almost in the field of politics
whose visionary speeches during the
war stamped him as an outstanding
and wise personality, and the other,
younger in years and experience,
but flushed with the ideal of peace
and prosperity, are more than ever
likely to emphasise that if a
closer binding of the Dominions
with the Mother Country is
essential, a Commonwealth of all
the Nations of the world in one
League is more and more a desideratum
and must become an actual and
living reality if civilisation is not
merely to continue but to perfect
itself and become a force for world
righteousness. The various matters
touched upon by Mr. Baldwin are

not new. They have been ever-
present, but the minds that will
now be brought to bear upon them
from the angle of view indicated can
result in nothing but good. The
members of the Conference meet
together on an equal footing, each
seeking not how to relieve the
difficulties of the places they repre-
sent, but those of the distracted
world. "The British Empire cannot
live for itself alone; its
strength as a commonwealth of
nations will grow so far as they
unite to bear the burdens of those
weaker and less fortunate than
themselves." This thought kept
steadily before the Conference, its
labours are bound to achieve success
making us all proud and privileged
to belong to the "accident" of the
British Empire.

Does Suffering Benefit?

There is nothing more hideously
untrue than the statement that
there is something ennobling in
suffering. No man is better for
suffering, though some may be able
to stand it without any serious loss.
But the normal consequence of
suffering is to lower resistance and
to deteriorate character. The
experience of almost anyone will
prove the truth of this. Most have
had the sad experience of watching
someone afflicted with a lengthy—
perhaps incurable—illness, and they
will have noticed how the patient
becomes almost daily more exas-
perated, more self-centred, with only
their own sympathy at the sight of
pain keeping alive solicitude for the
sufferer. It is ridiculous to imagine
that physical disease can make for
moral or intellectual strength, and
the undiminished power of mental
disease is one of the commonplace
of medical practice. Or if we turn
to sociology we see the same lesson.
What is the meaning of the demand
for better housing, better care, and
better training of the young, if it is
not that it is as the growing
organism is guarded from the
severities of existence that a healthy
and reliable character is formed?
Some struggle and some effort on
the part of the individual is always
necessary to development, but
between that and suffering there is
a very wide and easily distinguish-
able gap. Here the consequence of
suffering is again to brutalise far
more than to elevate. With such
survive there may be a certain hard-
ness exhibited, but it is often at the
expense of the higher qualities, and
that is what any student of evolu-
tion would expect to find. For it is
by shielding the plant and the
animal from the severities of the
struggle for existence, and by sur-
rounding it with such conditions as
minister to its well-being that the
finer specimens of both are brought
into existence. Suffering and
struggle did not bring the finer
specimens of plants or animals into
existence, nor does it keep them in
being. Left alone there is not a
single one of the finer cultivated
kinds of plants or animals that
would not quickly degenerate. And
with altered terms that is true of
man. It is the shelter from the
struggle which social life gives him
that develops his finer qualities, and
with its withdrawal he soon loses
the qualities which entitle him to be
called a civilised being. Finally, if
it be true that suffering ennobles
character, then it follows that every
step towards a genuine civilisation
is an advance towards the ultimate
demoralisation of mankind, and
that, as the old Greek remarked, is
absurd.

Spectators.

It does not follow that those who
indulge in sports, or games which
bring into operation the powers,
physical or mental, of opposing
parties, are necessarily sportsmen—
that is possess or acquire those
virtues which mean fair-play, the
absence of a desire to take a mean
advantage, and the power to keep in
control tongue and temper. Many
instances local and otherwise could
be brought to prove this simple
statement. But here, as elsewhere,
the principal bugbear in the matter
of true sport appears to be the
spectator, and again, instances
could be supplied to prove this also
simple statement. The nature of
the game seems to have a lot to do
with it. One never, or rarely ever,
witnesses a demonstration on the
tennis courts in the course of a
tournament that is anything but
sporting. The finer points of the
game are watched with intense
interest and plaudits are awarded
with equal impartiality. It is the
play that matters and secondarily
the player. Similarly with cricket.
Barracking has been known to take
place on some of our more famous
cricket pitches, where the crowd has
become tired with the stone-val-
tied tactics of certain of the players, but
we imagine that the terms of com-
ment have been more ironic than
in absolute bad taste, and generally
speaking cricket crowds whilst
seeing cricket, do not see cricket. It is when
we come to football—principally

the soccer code, that the spirit of
the crowd alters, and passions are
let loose, tongues wag, and
demonstrations take place that are
in no sense a disgrace to true sport
and reflect nothing that is good on
20th. century civilisation. Sir
Ernest Jardine, the chairman of a
home professional club, does not
need to remind us that "the only
blot on football is the general
unfairness of the spectators" but
his reference to the "noisy and ill
disciplined minorities who are
pestiferous" is to the point and
perhaps reflects the real truth of the
matter. Football is a more vigorous
game than either tennis or cricket
and it is likely that the passions are
the more readily excited by a game
which, whilst it requires skill,
requires also a certain amount of
vigour and strength. Players often
get excited, and that is only natural,
but it is remarkable that in the main
they keep control of themselves and
are amenable to the discipline of
the Referee who has power to
punish sudden outbursts of ill
temper. It needs a double-dyed
psychologist correctly to analyse the
symptoms which so often operate on
the spectators are obviously
partisans, eager and anxious that
their particular side shall win, and
in this their desire is but natural,
but it does seem that such partisan-
ship very often overrides the bounds
of good taste and sees no good in
opposing players, linesmen and
referee. Perhaps when we get our
Stadium, the stigma, which can be
applied with a certain amount of
truth to Hongkong, will be removed
and spectators of all varieties will
be enabled to watch a game in
comfort—probably seated, and free
from those electric currents which
seem to promote a series of cat-calls,
vile and vulgar remarks, and
demonstrations of ignorance. So
had had conditions become in this
respect in the youth of the Colony,
that we believe the Schools Football
League has been abandoned as one
way of getting out of a position
which did not reflect happily on
young school boys. If it is true
we should like to question very
much the wisdom of such a course.
An evil is not to be cured by run-
ning away from it.

To-day's Poem.

(A Road Song.)
"Where are you going?" he said.
"Where are you going?" said I.
Then he said, "Where the dawn
throws red
And silver over the sky
Somewhere the boughs are swing-
ing,
Somewhere a thrush is singing,
Somewhere the winds are winging
Through places wild and high."
And I shouted, "So am I!"
"Of what are you dreaming?" he
said.
"Of what are you dreaming?"
said I.
And he said, "Of camp-fires red
And a roof of starry sky;
Of waking to find that the singing
In boughs above me swinging
Is not a dream; of springing
To catch winds laughing by."
And I shouted, "So am I!"
—GLENN WARD DRESBACH.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

OCTOBER 3.

1769. A heavenly day. Rose at
seven, and walked out under
the conduct of my Landlord
to Berradale. The grass was
covered with a hoar-frost,
which soon melted, and
exhaled in a thin bluish
smoke. Crossed the meadows
obliquely, catching a diversity
of views among the hills
over the lake and islands, and
changing prospect at every
ten paces.

Gray.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised
In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

October 3.—Coronet Theatre;
Charles Ray in "A Tallor Made
Man."
October 3.—Star Theatre;
"An Accidental Honey-Moon."
5.30 p.m.
October 3.—World Theatre;
"Soldiers of Fortune."
October 3.—Star Theatre;
Forbes-Russell Comedy Co., pre-
sents "Romance," 9.15 p.m.
October 4.—Star Theatre;
Forbes-Russell Comedy Co., pre-
sents "Bluebird's Eighth Wife."
October 4.—Star Theatre;
Forbes-Russell Comedy Co., pre-
sents "Peg O' My Heart," 9.15 p.m.
October 6.—Hongkong Jockey
Club's fourth Gymkhana.
Auctions.
October 4.—Lantern Bros., at
the premises of the Hongkong Steel
Foundry Co., Ltd., (Shaughnessy
Road)—the complete foundry plant,
10.30 a.m.

MEETINGS.

October 5.—Twenty-seventh
ordinary annual meeting of the
Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage
Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office, 2,
Lower Albert Road, noon.
October 9.—Hongkong Hockey
Club, annual meeting in the Hong-
kong Cricket Club Pavilion, 5.30
p.m.
October 15.—Extraordinary gen-
eral meetings at Hongkong Hotel,
Pedder Street, of the Hongkong
Hotel Co., Ltd., and the Shanghai
Hotels, Ltd., at 11 a.m. and 11.30
a.m. respectively.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Those interested are reminded
that the R.M.S. "Empress of
Russia" will sail from here at
10 a.m. to-morrow instead of at
noon.
The Admiral Oriental Line
has had printed a further supply
of its useful "Ma Chong" hand-
books. The first batch of 1,000
copies was snapped up in two
days.

The total output of the Ad-
ministration's mines for the week
ending September 22, 1923,
amounted to 79,068 tons and the
sales during the period to 89,587
tons.
The Superintendent of the
Botanical and Forestry Depart-
ment reports that 697 inches of
rainfall were recorded at the
Botanic Gardens during the month
of September.

To-morrow will be Budget Day
at the Legislative Council, when
the yearly Finance Bill will be
introduced, and a speech on the
Colony's programme for the com-
ing year will be delivered by H. E.
the Governor. The Budget Bill is
to provide for an expenditure of
\$19,890,302 to cover the public
services for the year 1924.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss F. Macgill has joined the
staff of the Diocesan Girls School,
as matron.

Mr. L. Forster of the University
has accepted the Chairmanship of
the local branch of the Church
of England Men's Society.

A Reuter message states that
Mr. Chao Hui-chu, Chinese
Chargé d'Affaires, has returned
to London from Geneva.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of
Victoria (Rev. C. R. Duppy D.D.)
hopes to leave his diocese for
England in May next and to return
in November or December.

Mr. Frederick Mason, who has
been appointed organist to St.
John's Cathedral, expects to leave
England on October 20, and to
arrive here about a month later.

Additions to the ranks of the
Church Missionary Society in
South China include Rev. R. D.
Shaw for Canton, Miss L. Tracey
for Pakhoi, and Mr. C. R. Beecher
for Hongkong.

Mr. Li Tze-fong, manager of
the Bank of East Asia in Hong-
kong, had a narrow escape from
death when a railway bridge under
which he had just passed in a
motor car collapsed into a
heap of ruins in the recent big
earthquake in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carl have
left Europe for Peking. They will
arrive there at the end of October
and will spend the winter at the
Hotel de Peking. Mr. Carl is one
of the oldest American Commis-
sioners of Chinese Customs, having
served 40 years when he retired,
under the compulsory age regula-
tions, five years ago.

CHINESE EDUCATION.

IMPORTANT DELEGATION.

There is at the moment a body
of Chinese gentlemen in the
Colony, twenty in all, who are
passing through on their way to
Yunnanfu to attend the Ninth
Convention of the China Educa-
tional Board. They are headed
by the ex-Minister of Educa-
tion in China, and are
spending their time before
departing for the Convention
in visiting the Hongkong Uni-
versity, Queen's College and other
educational centres. The Chinese
Y.M.C.A., is dispensing hospitality
and generally seeing that the brief
stay in the Colony is made inter-
esting. Whilst China figures largely
in political matters, strife, and
civil wars, it is seldom that promi-
nence is given to news which
reflects the greatest credit on some
of China's leaders of light and
leading, as in the case of the De-
legation mentioned.

Children's Colds.

Why let the children rack their little
bodies in such distressing manner when
you can so easily rid their coats with a
bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy?
For sale by all Chemists and Store-
keepers.

CONTEST RESULT.

HONGKONG'S POPULAR
PLEASURES.

HOW THE \$50 PRIZE WAS WON.

A splendid response was made to
our voting competition in which we
asked for a poll on Hongkong's
popular pleasures. The number of
votes sent in is a sign that the
Colony does not take its pleasures
sadly. Cosmopolitan can be the
only fitting description of the voters'
tastes and the judges were afforded
an opportunity of seeing what
different people believe to be the
most popular of the items in the list
submitted by the *China Mail*.

The winner is:—

MR. A. M. SOUZA,

Chartered Bank.

and the ten coupons next in order
of merit were sent in by:—

E. H. LIM,
Government Civil Hospital.
Wm. Suen,
15, Shelley Street.
P. NG PRAYUVA,
64, Bonham Strand West.
J. S. A. CYRIL,
Deacon, Hurst & Shenton.
LUCIA RAINER,
5, PAVO DE PENHA,
Macao.
CHAS. L. BECKER,
11, Orient Buildings.
Miss M. L. CHENALLOY,
4, Prospect Place.
K. Y. WONG,
Mackinnon, Mackenzie &
Co.
Ho YEW-LAM,
292, Queen's Road West.
S. HANSON,
4, Morrison Hill Road.

CORRECT SOLUTION.

- 1.—DANCING.
- 2.—SPORT.
- 3.—CINEMAS.
- 4.—MAH JONG.
- 5.—MOTORING.
- 6.—PICNICS.
- 7.—CARDS.
- 8.—THEATRE.
- 9.—RACING.
- 10.—READING.

COMPETITION EXPLAINED.

For the benefit of competitors, it
would not be amiss to explain once
more how the result is arrived at.
We give a list of twenty items.
Readers are asked to pick ten in
order. The votes registered are
entered into a comprehensive chart
and when this is completed the poll
is counted. The item with the
highest number of votes is first, the
next second, and so on. This is
what is meant by "decided by the
general vote." Then each coupon
is checked individually with the
"correct solution," otherwise the
choice of all the voters. The
coupon with the highest number of
items tallying in correct order
with the solution, wins the prize.
In the event of two or more com-
petitors having the same (highest)
number of correct items, the prize
goes to the reader who sent in the
coupon with his or her correct
items higher up the list than
those placed correctly by
other competitors. For example,
if the highest number placed
correctly is six and there
are two competitors who have this
number to their credits. A has
numbers 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 10 correct
and B has 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9 correct.
A wins because, in order of merit
he has items 1, 3 and 5, the same
as B, but he has No. 6 while B
has as his next one No. 7. By
virtue of having placed correctly
an item higher up, A's list is
adjudicated to be of more merit.
But if another competitor has seven
items correctly placed, even if
they are only numbers 4, 5, 6, 7, 8,
9 and 10, he or she would win as
seven is a higher number than six.

HOW THE VOTERS VOTED.

None of the competitors sent in
the correct solution. Where most
of the voters went wrong was in plac-
ing Dancing which turned out to be
the surprise item. A good many
placed too much faith in Ma Jong
probably on account of the recent
catching-on of the game. Cards
was also another difficulty. Competi-
tors either setting it too high or
too low in their estimation.
A few competitors still write out
their lists in alphabetical order.
The explanation given above
should readily prove the futility of
this.

One competitor filled in two of
his coupons by taking the first ten
of our list in our alphabetical order
for one coupon, and the second
half for the other!

Competitors who sent in more
than one coupon will be well
advised to vary their choice as this
increases their chances. One
choice throughout means that they
will have only one chance
irrespective of the number of
coupons. Vary your selections in
future.

The judges would appreciate
typewritten or blocklettered ink.

A WINNER.

PROGRAMME WORTH FIVE
DOLLARS!

The holder of the following
theatre programme is requested to
forward same to the *China Mail*
office when a coupon to the value
of \$5 will be issued which may be
changed for goods to the same
value with any of the advertisers in
the *China Mail*.

Star Theatre Programme No.
333 issued of Sunday to Tuesday
September 30, to October 2.

Patrons of the three Cinemas
Theatres, the Coronet, Star and
World are advised to retain their
programmes and study the number
to be found on the front page.

The prize must be claimed within
TWO DAYS from this announce-
ment, otherwise it will lapse. This
rule will be rigidly enforced in the
interest of cinema patrons.
Employees of the three cinemas
are expressly debarred from claim-
ing the prize.

JAZZ INVASION.

PLANNED FOR THE WINTER.

Hongkong is due for a jazz
invasion this winter. The offensive
has already begun with the arrival
here of the University of Colorado
Orchestra aboard the "President
Jackson" and each "President"
boat that comes to Hongkong will
bring a fresh batch of synchro-
nists to renew the attack.

An Admiral Line official who
was induced to divulge plans of the
campaign this morning explained
that arrangements had been made
for some of America's most famous
jazz orchestras to play aboard the
"President" boats on the Far
East run. Some of them, he indicated
had already been heard locally on
gramophone records and Hong-
kong's dancing enthusiasts will
doubtless hope that someone will
be enterprising enough to give
them the opportunity of fox-
trotting to the real thing.

The full schedule arranged,
with the expected dates of arrival,
is as follows:—

October 14, "President Jefferson"
—Strouts Military Academy,
Seattle, Mo.

October 26, "President Grant"
—Glacier Hotel Orchestra, Glacier
Park, Mont.

November 7, "President Madison"
—University of Pennsylvania
Orchestra.

November 19, "President McKinley"
—Sear's Orchestra, Seattle,
Wash.

December 1, "President Jackson"
—Reemer's Inland Empire
Orchestra, Spokane, Wash.

December 15, "President Jefferson"
—Carmody's Orchestra,
Tacoma.

December 25, "President Grant"
—Anderson's Orchestra,
Troutdale Hotel, Evergreen, Colo.

January 6, 1924, "President Madison"
—Detroit University
Orchestra.

January 18, 1924, "President McKinley"
—Garland's Californians,
Waldorf Hotel, San Diego, Calif.

January 30, 1924, "President Jackson"
—H. F. Alexander
Orchestra.

The Health Returns to-day
report six cases of small-pox and
one of typhoid. All the sufferers
are Chinese.

coupons. One or two were careless
when spelling while one voter
did not give an address.

THE RUNNING.

There never seemed any doubt
when a fair portion of the votes
were registered, that the first ten
were placed although towards the
end, Photography, which finished
eleventh, threatened to displace
Reading. The first five were al-
ways assured of occupying the top
half and there was a rare struggle
between them for supremacy. Only
thirty-one votes separated Dancing
and Motoring at the end. Sport
held the lead at the beginning, was
displaced by Cinemas and Dancing
and regained the lead only to
lose it again towards the end.
Cinemas never went lower than
third although Mah Jong only
required three more votes to beat
it. Motoring was fourth for the
major part of the contest but Ma
Jong gradually overhauled it and
forced ahead. Picnics was always
a fair sixth. Theatre and Cards
were at a respectable distance
further back, but Cards beat
Theatre for seventh place by a
close margin. Racing was a poor
ninth and Reading a bad
tenth. Of the non-winners,
Photography only seemed likely
to get in. Much further back and
strung out in the order given were
Concerts, Shopping, Walking
Singing and Radio. Amateur
Theatricals and Gardening were
disappointing while Painting and
Sketching were decidedly not
popular.

CHARIVARIA.

SATURDAY TO MONDAY
FEELING.

We are glad to observe that the *China Mail's* suggestion of the Colony's need for Promenades, voiced in May last, is gaining ground. Looking at it from the reclamation point of view that is of course what it really amounts to.

The intelligence of our Criminal Investigation Department is very catching.

Another Bank has been opened. We have always said that Hongkong is draughty.

In the past insomnia and intoxication have been the main causes of suicide, but one will now have to add income tax, says Mr. Ingley O'Brien. This is rated or assessed as the worst.

Water Polo as played at the Y.R.C. seems to be a question of full bowl.

In the case of rouge and powder, even a girl is not so bad as she is painted.

Sir Robert Ho Tung's proposed round-table Conference seems to be a square deal one.

Many men work to get bread. On the other hand quite a number are fond of a long loaf.

Hongkong's sidewalks get quite greasy after the rain. Due to the rain dripping probably.

Authors are not at their best just now. Mr. Robert Lorraine informs us. Their spell will come though.

Argus' Reference to Sloppy Valley has of course nothing to do with the Police Club there, or to loving couples either.

The German Empire must pay or disappear says a French General. This might readily be termed a France statement.

In America, we are told, they build roads for a day in England for a century. In Hongkong they build them for the motorist.

Definition:—
Golf.—The sublime stooping to the ridiculous.

Some husbands like staying at home with their wives. We knew one married man who spent every evening for nine weeks with his wife. He suffered with gout.

The sub-headline in a morning contemporary:—"Tailor's suit for Damages" seems to us to be very fitting.

"Dangers of Birth Control" is another of our morning contemporary's headings. A childish question surely.

Wanchai residents are annoyed at the state of the streets in their district. Like the streets they are much "cut up."

Many people are interested in a capital turnover, but only when it is time to get up.

Who is this man Asquith? enquires Mr. Outhwaite. Quite simple. The husband of Mrs. Asquith of course.

No-one is grateful to us for what we did in the war says Mr. Oscar Browning. He forgets the profiteer.

It is always taken for granted that the bachelor could have married.

If meat should become scarce in the coming winter there is bound to be plenty of goose flesh.

A 20-story hotel is being erected in Detroit. This is quite the tallest story which has yet reached us from America.

The *Japan Chronicle* recently announced that telegrams were lying unclaimed for Heriot, Percot, and H. B. Root. These people certainly have the Root of the matter in them.

The Cherub thinks that the circulars which continue to reach him regarding the Arkansas Oil Cushers, are not quite square.

The superior man blushes with fear lest his words should exceed his actions, says Confucius. Thus is the reason of our lurid complexion made manifest.

"Cinema Dieputa" says a *China Mail* heading. Another of those Yammat moving stories.

Tennis brings the opposite sexes together. They like a Court or two.

"To our Tennis Interpol Team—
Many happy returns.

We quite believe that if the Germans would only make less money they would have more.

OUR FINANCES.

MR. LOWE'S PERTINENT
QUERIES.

RATE REDUCTIONS URGED.

The following questions are to be asked by the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe at the Legislative Council on Thursday:—

1.—Will the Government explain under what rules and regulations it acts with regard to the employment (and at what rate per cent.) of the large surplus funds apparently at the disposal of the Government as evidenced by the latest published Monthly Cash Statement for May contained in the *Government Gazette* of 10th August, 1923, wherein it is shown that there is \$7,837,487.42 deposited with the Crown Agents in London and Investments costing \$5,977,362.25 (representing a market value of about \$7,010,000) besides a balance (presumably in local) Banks of \$1,221,838.30 and also state whether it is satisfied with and intends to increase its recent investments of \$21,000 in Queensland Government Stock?

Assuming the following figures to be correct will the Government consider the advisability of reducing taxation in the shape of Rates and for Liquor Duties:—

	Supplies	Balances	Appropriated	Over-estimation	Recurrent	Expenditure	Revenue	Land Sales	Estimates
1920	\$4,490,263		\$2,193,607	\$2,296,656	\$11,933,352	\$14,133,352	1920		
1921	6,176,745		3,107,397	12,684,127	16,094,051	16,094,051	1921		
1922	12,658,642		4,361,895	14,987,366	19,569,261	19,569,261	1922		
1923	11,800,815		2,968,095	15,868,385	17,967,270	17,967,270	1923		

2.—Will the Government explain the legal difficulty, referred to by the Officer Administering the Government in 1922, which prevents His Excellency the Governor exercising his rights of repayment conferred by the Ordinance (Governing the War Loan of \$3,000,000 of 1916 and, if it is the case that the borrowers have been given better terms than the Ordinance authorises, further explain who the officials are who have caused the resulting loss to the Colony through 6 per cent. being paid on the loan and the money available to repay it being invested elsewhere at a lower rate?

3.—In view of the fact that there is a clause in the local Ordinance giving the Crown Agents power to use the Sinking Fund monies to repurchase and cancel any part of the Inscribed Stock Issues of 1893 and 1906 whenever the loan is below par, have the Government drawn the attention of the Crown Agents to the matter since the last Budget Debate and, if so, what answer has been received?

4.—To enable the Council to obtain a comprehensive grasp of the cost of the Public Work Department services will the Government lay on the table a statement showing, in parallel columns, the following particulars for the decade ending 1920, and also up to date, viz:—

- 1.—Personal emoluments and other charges.
- 2.—Annually recurrent works.
- 3.—Total emoluments and recurrent charges.
- 4.—Estimates for Extraordinary Works.
- 5.—Actual cost of Extraordinary Works.
- 6.—Percentage of actual to estimated extraordinary works and also instruct the Director of Public Works to incorporate such information in his annual report in future?

Dr. Williams says you can get healthy babies for money. Now we know why some of our comrades announce:—"Families supplied."

It seems to be all up with our rent.

Nothing is more painful to a crooked mind than a straightforward question.

The only thing that beats me is a woman's tongue, says Mr. Justice Coker. It ticks us sometimes.

To-day's Pulsating Thought:—The best husband in the world invariably belongs to the woman next door.

FREEMASONRY.

LODGE NEWS.

The French Freemasons who are in communion with the Grand Lodge of England by their membership with the National Grand Lodge of France are now contemplating the foundation of one or more Royal Arch chapters. For that purpose members are making journeys across the Channel in order to be exalted into Royal Arch Masonry so that they may qualify as founders of the new chapters when application for warrants is made.

Masonic services are now being extended to Jewish synagogues. One is being arranged to be held at the Brondesbury Synagogue, when the offertory will be divided between the Jewish Children's Asylum and the Masonic Home.

Although the Grand Lodge of England confines its benevolent grants to its own members and dependents, the Grand Lodge of Western Australia is not so circumscribed. During the past year, not only did its own members and dependents participate, but these also of the English, Tasmanian and Scottish constitutions, and the last-mentioned, despite the fact that two local District Grand Lodges of Scotland are harboured in the state and domain of the West Australian Constitution. The capital of this fund now stands at nearly £20,000. Some interesting statistics appear at the end of the Grand Lodge's annual report. In 1900, the first year of its existence, 320 initiates were admitted. The number admitted varied very much for several years. During the war it kept below the 300 mark, but to-day there are over 5,000, and during the year just passed there was an increase of 540 members.

The increase in the Royal Arch Chapters in England continues. At the next meeting of the Supreme Grand Council no fewer than 21 charters for new chapters will be granted, an unusually large number, but particularly so for this season of the year. Only four of these will meet in the London area, 15 will meet in various parts of the country, one in Buenos Aires and one at Tokyo, Japan.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland has granted warrants for the formation of new lodges, at Tobermory, Argyll and the Isles; Basra; Lebanon, Syria; Fettercairn, Kincardineshire; Caldercruix, Lanarkshire. It has also passed a special vote of thanks to the Grand Lodge of Utah for its appreciation of the services rendered by the three brethren who represented the Grand Lodge of Scotland at the trial of the cause United States versus Matthew McBlain Thomson and Others (American Masonic Federation).

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is to be represented in the chair at the annual festival next year of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and has voted 1,000 guineas to the chairman's list on that occasion. The province now numbers 66 lodges with a membership of 9,518, an increase during the past year of 256.

A sign of the times is to be noted in a step just taken by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, which has sold its Masonic Hall at Derby to the lodges meeting there, as it is now totally inadequate for provincial purposes. It is suggested that offices be built for the Provincial Grand Lodge and that halls, of which there are several available, be rented when it is necessary to call all the members together.

POLO.

FAST PLAY YESTERDAY
AFTERNOON.

[By Argus.]

At Causeway Bay polo ground yesterday afternoon, some capital *chukkers* of polo were witnessed. Two matches and a scratch game were played. Throughout the play was very open and plenty of galloping was witnessed.

In the first match, a team of "Singles" defeated the "Married" by 4-3. The winners had most of the game. Mr. Bartholomew scored 3 goals and Mr. Newbiggin one for the winners; for the losers the points were obtained by Mr. McMichael (2) and Mr. Hickling.

The sides were:—
Married: Major-General Sir John Fowler, Messrs. McMichael, Hickling, Boyd.

Singles: Messrs. Greig, Newbiggin, Bartholomew, Neville.
In the second match, between Services Past and Present and "Evo," each side scored two goals. For "Evo," Mr. A. N. Oher, by the aid of a fierce, flowing moustache kept "her" identity hidden till she scored the equalising goal just as the bell went for time. Mr. Michael and Mr. Meredith scored for the Services and Mr. Boyd and Mr. A. N. Oher for "Evo."

The teams:—
Services: Messrs. McMichael, Greig, Judd, Meredith.
"Evo": Messrs. Hickling, Newbiggin, Boyd, A. N. Oher.

PEKING COMEDY.

PREPARATIONS TO ELECT
PRESIDENT.

PEKING, October 2.
The Presidential Election preparations are proceeding apace, and \$4,000,000 has now been collected, which is deemed sufficient.

It is expected that the electoral college will assemble on October 4. Should it fail to elect a President on that day, it will meet on any day or days before October 10.

It is stated by reliable authorities that Tsao Kun is preparing to go to Peking, that Lu Chin will take charge of the affairs of the Inspector-General, that Wang Cheng-ping will be promoted Tschun of Chihli, and Tsao Jui reinstated Governor of Chihli.

It is reported that Tsao Kun's delegate who went to Mukden was not cordially received.

Another problem arising from the Presidential Election is, who is to succeed to the Inspector-General of the Three Provinces?

Wu Pei-fu is regarded as the most logical successor, but it is understood that Feng Yu-shiang's merits regarding the election of Li Yuan-hung are not to be overlooked.—
Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

JAPAN DISASTER.

HONGKONG RELIEF FUND
TO OCTOBER 2.

The following is a list of the subscriptions received locally towards the relief funds being raised in connection with the disaster in Japan. Already Acknowledged: \$361,538.25

Community	Balance of Funds collected by Portuguese
Community	32,048.19
2nd King's Regiment	1,931.33
Staff & Students Ying Wa College	200.00
C. Bulmer Johnson	88.00
Kiehek—Presbyterian Church (per Mr. G. W. Byers)	50.00
R. S. Morrison	33.00
Dr. A. & Mrs. Wight	20.00
A Member of the League of Fellowship	15.00
W. H. Turner	10.00
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	5.00
	\$395,943.77

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Are pricked by thorny stem;
Do they throw away the rose
That smiles at them?

And then they make a Flower wife,
And Ah, who knows—
But they may find a thorn!
Why throw away the Rose?

1923. JOHN KYOTO.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND
OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments sent for insertion in the news columns of the *China Mail*, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of 1922) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Boundary	Area in Sq. Yds.	Annual Rent	Upst. Price
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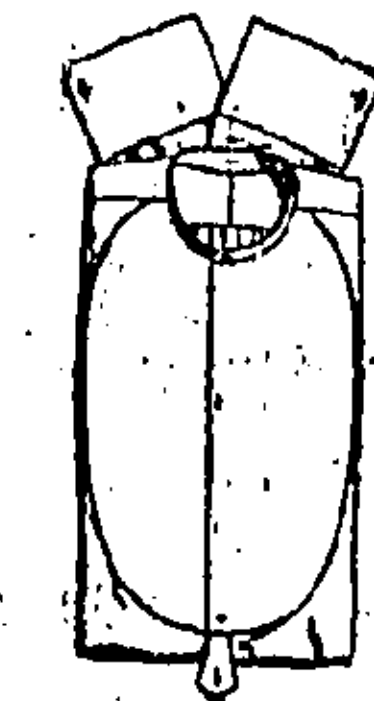
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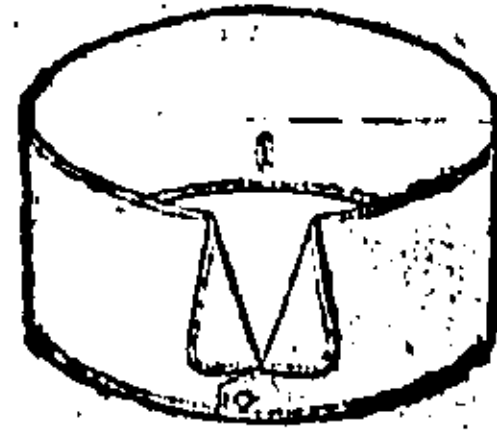
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WEDDING.
BAILEY-RIDER.

At St. John's Cathedral, yesterday afternoon there was a large attendance on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. Howard Sinclair Bailey, acting Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon to Miss Ella Margaret Tuckwell Rider, of Southampton, England. The bridegroom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bailey, Wokingham, Berks, England. He is well known in the Colony for his work in connection with St. Paul's College, Lower Albert Road, of which the Bishop of the diocese is the Warden. His bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rider, of Southampton.

Much interest was evinced in the wedding in Church of England Mission circles in Hongkong, and a large number of missionary workers and students from the Church of England Mission schools were present at the Cathedral. St. Paul's College and the Diocesan Girls' School, were strongly represented. A display of white flowers in front of the choir stalls brightened the interior of the Cathedral.

The bride, who entered the Cathedral on the arm of Mr. H. T. Jackson, Assistant Director of Public Works, wore a dress of white crepe de chine embroidered with silk and beads and trimmed with silver cord, with a girde of silver braid. Her train was of flowered crepe de chine, trimmed with silver cord and she wore a net veil and carried a bouquet of white roses, tuber roses and maidenhair fern. Miss Norma Mortimer attended as bridesmaid, attired in a gown of pale mauve crepe de chine, trimmed with silver and wore a black velvet hat. She carried a bouquet of pale pink roses.

Little Miss Anne Evans as bearer made a pretty picture in her frock of white silk and net trimmed with silver. The duties of "best man" were performed by the Rev. E. K. Quick, St. Stephen's College, Hongkong.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Venerable Archdeacon E. J. Barnett, assisted by the Rev. H. Conley Moyle, Chaplain of the Cathedral, and the Rev. A. D. Stewart, Vice-Warden of St. Paul's College.

At the conclusion of the service a reception was held at the Bishop's House where a large number of those who had witnessed the ceremony congregated to offer their felicitations to the newly married couple. The following is a list of guests invited to the reception:—

The Lord Bishop (Dr. Duggan), The Archdeacon of Hongkong (Rev. E. J. Barnett) and Mrs. Barnett, Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Stewart, Mr. Becher, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Jackson, Miss Mortimer, Rev. E. K. Quick, Miss Pitts, M.B.E., Mr. Warner, Mr. F. A. Britton, Miss Taylor, Rev. N. Evans, Rev. C. B. Shann, Rev. J. T. Holman, Rev. H. C. Moyle, Rev. and Mr. W. T. Featherstone, Rev. G. T. Waldgrave, Miss Hollis, Miss Beswick, Mrs. Cooper, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. Jenkinson, Mr. Percy Smith, Mr. H. O. Hughes, Dr. and Mrs. Shellshar, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wood, Capt. Fogg, Rev. W. H. Hewitt, Miss Fothergill, Miss Drury, Miss Havers, Miss Aspinall, Mr. G. W. Sellars, Mr. E. Dargan Smith,

CORRESPONDENCE.
V.R.C. POLO.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir.—In your issue of yesterday you published the views of Mr. Logan re the Water Polo match R.G.A. v. V.R.C.

As Chairman of the Club his views are obviously biased, and he appears to ignore the viewpoint of the other side.

Now there are always reasons why spectators take the upper hand at sporting functions, some of which are (1) They are not being considered by the management. (2) Unfair tactics by opponents. (3) Weak Refereeing.

Let us consider the first reason. The management of any sporting affair has a duty to its spectators to perform. The V.R.C. ignoring this put the first match to the fuel. The game, advertised to start at 7 p.m. was started at 9.50 owing to the late arrival of the captain of the V.R.C. During the interval he attempted to address the spectators on their behavior; if he had apologized for keeping them waiting it would have been more to the point. It was noticed that the admission fee was collected promptly at 9 p.m.

With regard to reason (2); Brodie the Shanghai player was sprung at the R.G.A. team at the last moment. His record was not given them, and naturally he was thought to be a moderate player who was required to fill a gap.

Now we come to reason (3); will any man in his senses say that the match was efficiently refereed? The first sign of the weakness of the referee came with the V.R.C.'s first goal, an obvious "two yard" affair, after which he changed his goal scorer, this showing that he thought it a doubtful point. Numerous fouls went unchecked, and on one occasion the referee was observed to be carrying on a heated debate with a spectator, with the play still going on—a ridiculous situation.

The V.R.C. admit that they could not agree to the R.G.A.'s suggested referee, and practically forced their opponents to accept theirs.

Mr. Logan's remarks on the privilege of using the V.R.C. bath for the matches were really good. The military teams would have preferred to operate in the pitch of the R.A.S.C. Camber where the Garrison League games were played. Home and Away matches would have been far more satisfactory from the points of view of most of the teams. To my knowledge three pitches could have been utilised this year V.R.C.—R.A.S.C. Camber—and Kowloon.

The present conditions favour the V.R.C. and until a neutral association is formed the Water Polo Championship will continue to be "cornered" by the V.R.C.

Reform is urgently needed
Yours, etc.,
POLOFAN.

Hongkong, October 2.

Miss Russell, Miss Griffin, Miss M. Ho Tung, and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Leung.

The bride's going away costume was of pale pink georgette over pink crepe de chine with lace collar.

WHO'S WHO.
CHINA COAST CHANGES.

Captain C. H. Walker, of the "Tea," has gone master, "Taming."

Mr. A. H. Bathurst, chief officer, "Tea," is on reserve.

Mr. G. Wood, second officer, "Fashan," has gone second officer, "Kansu."

Mr. E. H. Histed, chief officer, "Kalgan," has gone chief officer, "Kungchow."

Mr. C. P. Miller, Chief Officer, "Kungchow," has gone chief officer, "Fochow."

Mr. J. A. McKinley, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kuangchow."

Mr. T. Johnstone, chief officer, "Kuangchow," has gone chief officer, "Sunning."

Mr. A. Cobb, supply chief officer, "Hsin Peking," is on leave.

Mr. F. Bennett, chief officer, "Wuchang," is on leave.

Mr. W. Bepow, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Wuchang."

Mr. H. Duff, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Linan."

Mr. Y. N. Campbell, second officer, "Linan," has gone acting chief officer, "Tea."

Captain R. Turnbull, from reserve, has gone master, "Tea."

Mr. N. Pinky, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kalgan."

Mr. W. E. Steel, chief officer, "Chusan," has gone chief officer, "Kueichow."

Mr. J. Baxter, chief engineer, "Sinkiang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Hamilton, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Sinkiang."

Mr. W. L. Bloodworth, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Kwangse."

Mr. J. F. Johnson, chief officer, "Kueichow," has gone chief officer, "Chusan."

Captain S. G. Miford, of the "Yuenang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. W. Taylor, chief officer, "Yuenang," has gone chief officer, "Mingsang."

Mr. H. S. Hurley, chief officer, "Mingsang," is on reserve.

Mr. J. Pittendigh, acting second officer, "Yuenang," has gone third officer, "Suifu."

Mr. J. W. Stoneham, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kwaisang."

Mr. D. Jones, second officer, "Kwaisang," is on reserve.

Mr. D. G. Burleigh, chief officer, "Yatshing," is on leave.

Mr. A. Cameron, second officer, "Yatshing," has gone acting chief officer, same ship.

Mr. D. S. Pethick, third officer, "Yatshing," has gone acting second officer, same ship.

Mr. J. Moodie, from reserve, has gone third officer, "Yatshing."

Mr. T. Wilkinson, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. C. McAlister, second officer, "Kungwo," has resigned.

Mr. A. Parr has been appointed acting third officer, "Wosang."

Mr. J. MacLachlan, third engineer, "Wosang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Bantain, supply chief engineer, "Kungwo," has gone chief engineer, "Fuhwo."

Mr. H. Kingswood, chief engineer, "Fuhwo," has gone chief engineer, "Kungwo."

Mr. D. Jones, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Chipsing."

Mr. H. F. Bennett, second officer, "Chipsing," is on reserve.

Mr. C. E. Webb, chief officer, "Huangsang," has gone chief officer, "Yatshing."

Mr. J. G. Davies, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Huangsang."

Mr. W. T. Barkus, acting master, "Kwangping," has gone chief officer, "Kalgan."

Mr. W. Sudbury, acting chief officer, "Kalgan," has gone second officer, same ship.

Captain F. V. Bez, from reserve, has gone master, "Wong Shek Kung."

Mr. E. P. Smith, chief officer, "Kwongsei," has gone chief officer, "Wong Shek Kung."

Mr. A. Newby, chief officer, "Wong Shek Kung," is on reserve.

Mr. W. J. Collom, acting master, "Hydrangea," has gone chief officer, "Kong Ning."

Mr. R. Keen, chief officer, "Kong Ning," is on leave.

Captain G. H. Madden, of the "Taikoo Tug," is on reserve.

Captain J. T. Laing, from reserve, has gone master, "Taikoo Tug."

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From a well-informed correspondent in Shanghai the *Hansa's* correspondent has received a highly interesting communication on the present situation of shipping in China, which appears to be recovering from the effects of the war, although the internal strife in the country still exercises a disturbing influence. One of the first consequences of the outbreak of the war was the disappearance of all the German and Austrian ships from the traffic with China; other companies had to reduce their services to China, and the trans-Pacific trade became completely disorganised. After the conclusion of the war, fairly normal conditions were very soon restored. Large quantities of cargo became available, causing a demand for further shipping space. The navigation companies were doing good business, but soon a wave of depression visited the country, freight rates had to be reduced, and the cargoes on offer were very small.

At the present moment, the *Hansa's* correspondent writes, practically all foreign nations are participating in the shipping trade with China, but the three most important are the English, the Japanese and the Americans. So far as German companies are concerned, both the Norddeutscher Lloyd and the Hamburg-America Line are now, as before the war, maintaining a monthly service to the Far East. While the Hamburg-America Line is using exclusively cargo steamers or motor ships, the Lloyd, as formerly, devotes its attention to passenger carrying. Both companies belong to the China Homebound Freight Conference. The Rickmers Line has again started sending some of its steamers to China, but these, as was the case before the war, are all operated outside the conference. A new German company in the East Asiatic trade is the Hugo Stinnes Line, which despatches a passenger and a cargo steamer alternately every four weeks. The cargo vessels can also carry a limited number of passengers.

THE IMPORTANT COASTWISE TRADE.

In the coastwise shipping the native junks still play a very important part; but they are gradually being superseded by steamers and motorboats. The first foreign coastal navigation company, the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Company, was founded in 1847, and is still running its ships between the ports mentioned, and the western river. Together with this company, a monopoly of the coastwise shipping was for a long time enjoyed by the following three concerns:—

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That monopoly, however, has been broken by the Japanese, who have established several regular services along the Chinese coast and on the Yangtze River. Neither the Hamburg-America Line nor the Norddeutscher Lloyd has resumed the coastwise services that were carried on before the war, but a new German company, the China Reederei, with headquarters at Hamburg, was recently established and will shortly have two steamers in operation, one for South and the other for North China.

Besides these foreign companies, there is a large and increasing number of Chinese companies engaged in the coasting trade. In addition to the China Merchants' Steamship Company, already mentioned, there are the San Peh S.N. Co. of Shanghai, which has entered into a freight supplying agreement with the Hamburg-America Line; the Ningshao Steamship Company (Ningshao-Shanghai); the Cheng Fu Kleet of Steamers (Chefoo), and the Kwang San S.S. Co. (South China).

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Mrs. Warren G. Harding boarding funeral train at San Francisco, assisted by Lieutenant-Commander Boone, one of the late President's physicians. (U. S. Picture.)



President and Mrs. Coolidge. Mrs.

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Placing casket bearing remains of President Harding in hearse at San Francisco. (U. S. Picture.)

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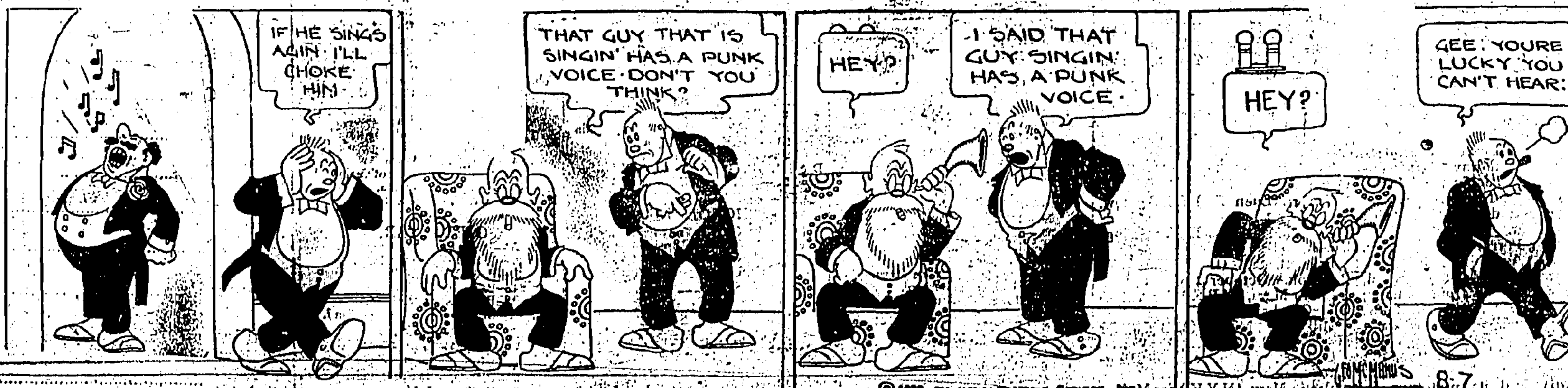
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